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In focus

The Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific

At its [organizational meeting](#) held 22-24 April 2014 in Chiba, Japan, the members of the Network for the Coordination of Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific agreed on a set of objectives, strategies and mechanisms for promoting coordination and facilitating information-sharing in support of the key regional statistics development programmes pursued by the Committee on Statistics.

- Agricultural and Rural Statistics. Establish a sub-group in support of the training component of Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan of the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics.

Ten member States (Australia, China, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines, Rep. of Korea, Russian Federation and Thailand) and seven regional and international agencies (ADB, FAO, IMF, ISI, SPC, World Bank and USP) attended the meeting. India, New Zealand, Eurostat, Paris21, SESRIC and UNSD also signed on to the Network but were not able to participate.

The Network was established by the Bureau of the Committee on Statistics with the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) as its secretariat, aiming at facilitating information sharing and promoting coordination among national statistical training institutions, regional and international statistical training providers, and donor agencies providing funding for statistical training in the Asia-Pacific region.



The Network adopted its 2014-2015 Work Programme that will:

- Develop, test and finalize tools and a systematic process for a coordinated regional statistical training needs assessment and analysis
- Create a web-based platform to facilitate the sharing of existing training materials and a database of statistics experts/trainers

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Did you know?

- There are nearly 1.3 billion people in the world without access to electricity. 47 per cent of these live in Asia and the Pacific. They mainly live in four countries: India (306 million), Indonesia (65.7 million), Bangladesh (60.8 million) and Pakistan (55.5 million).
- Energy intensity is a measure of the energy efficiency of a country's economy. The Asia-Pacific region's energy intensity of 219 (koe per 1,000 USD GDP in 2005 PPP) was relatively high in 2011, 57 per cent above that of Europe (124 koe per 1,000 USD GDP in 2005 PPP).

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Announcements

New director of UNSD

Mr. Stefan Schweinfest has been appointed as the new Director of the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York.

ESCAP unveils its new website

The look of the ESCAP website has gone through radical changes as part of an overhaul. Alongside an improved appearance, the new Content Management Systems (CMS) makes it easier for users to navigate through the content by logically linking reports, workshops and other materials. Some of the older pages from the ESCAP website have not yet been migrated to the new system. Should you need to refer to those missing pages please feel free to contact the Statistics Division at ESCAP.

Asia-Pacific Civil Registrars Meeting

[The meeting will be held in Pattaya](#), Thailand 15 to 17 July 2014. The event aims to establish a regional network of civil registrars to facilitate knowledge sharing and exchange of best practices and innovations related to civil registration and vital statistics. The meeting is co-organized by UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO, Plan International and ESCAP.

Informing a Data Revolution - Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop, Bangkok, 17-18 July

A regional workshop hosted by ESCAP is organized under the PARIS21 project "[Informing a Data Revolution](#)" in Bangkok during 17-18 July.

ADB Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2014

This publication is scheduled for release in August 2014. It presents the latest available economic, financial, social, and environmental indicators, as well as statistical tables on the Millennium Development Goals for Asia and the Pacific. Part of the issue is a special chapter related to poverty in the region.

The Framework of Inclusive Growth Indicators

This ADB issue is scheduled for release in August 2014. The Framework of Inclusive Growth Indicators is composed of 35 indicators used as measures of income and non-income outcomes of inclusive growth: access to opportunities, social inclusion, social safety nets, and good governance and institutions. It also contains a brief analysis of trends and inequalities on account of wealth, location, and sex for Asia and the Pacific

News from the Pacific

The Pacific Statistics Steering Committee (PSSC) met in May. The discussion focused on developing Phase II of the Ten Year Pacific Statistics.

Strategy (TYPSS). A few key messages of the meeting included (a) increasing the focus on the use of administrative data; (b) improving national and regional coordination; (c) continuing to support the social and economic statistics compilation improvements made during TYPSS Phase I; (d) improving data use, including better dissemination and analysis; and (e) developing a way forward for environment statistics.

Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific

To pave the way for a successful outcome of the Ministerial Conference on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific (24-28 November 2014, Bangkok), [the Regional Preparatory Meeting](#) is being convened for governments to review a draft ministerial declaration and regional action framework. The Meeting will be held at the UN Conference Centre in Bangkok 28 to 29 August 2014.

Civil Society Forum for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

On [27 August 2014 in Bangkok](#), civil society and non-governmental organizations will meet to review the regional action framework for CRVS and develop a consolidated civil society statement to be delivered at the [Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics \(CRVS\) in Asia and the Pacific](#). This forum is organized by Plan International in collaboration with the other co-organizers of the Ministerial Conference.

EU-India Seminar on Data Quality in National Accounts

Eurostat and the Central Statistics Office of India (CSO) will organise a regional seminar on quality management, including a specific focus on the field of national accounts. The seminar, which will be held in New Delhi in the second half of November 2014, will target middle managers dealing with statistical quality activities, and it will aim at sharing experiences and best practices between Europe and Asia. In addition to delegates from India and the European Statistical System, participation from countries in South Asia and South-East Asia as well as China and Mongolia is expected.

Seminar on global assessments in Mongolia

In partnership with UNECE, ESCAP and the National Statistical Office of Mongolia, Eurostat is organising a regional seminar on statistical global assessments, which will take place in Ulaanbaatar in the fourth quarter of 2014. The seminar will present the results of the Global Assessment conducted in Mongolia in 2013/2014 to highlight the advantages of this methodology as a tool to promote a quality culture in the statistical system. European experts and representatives from Central Asia and South-East Asia will be in attendance.

Voices of the region

Mr. Chris Ryan, new Regional Advisor on Statistics, Statistics Division, ESCAP, and former Statistics Advisor of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

1. Having spent the past 14 years as a statistics advisor in the Pacific Region, what do you see as your biggest initial challenges as the ESCAP Regional Advisor on Statistics for the Asia-Pacific region?

I had the privilege to learn a great deal about the Pacific region “way of life” in my term with SPC, which certainly contributed to my ability to perform my role as a statistical advisor. Whilst I have travelled to some parts of Asia, I still have a lot more to learn, and look forward to embracing the people and cultures of this region with a similar passion. I see this as my number one priority initially, along with delivering a sound statistical service, in order to gain the respect and confidence of the statistics community throughout Asia. There are also a lot of exciting programs which have been developed, or are in the process of being developed, throughout the Asia region, which I look forward to being heavily involved in assisting.



2. How do you see the role of the regional advisor in supporting the work of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics?

As a regional advisor I expect to play a pivotal role within ESCAP’s Statistics Division in responding to requests for technical assistance from member States in alignment with regional programs endorsed by the Committee on Statistics. I am excited that the role will enable me to travel to member States and work in-country with National Statistics System staff to improve the production of key statistical information. I look forward to learning more about the national settings and capabilities of the NSSs in the region during such missions. I also see the regional advisor role as working in close consultation with SIAP to identify training requirements throughout the region. My focus for each of these activities will naturally be for the less developed member States.

3. Reflecting on your time as a statistics adviser in the Pacific over the past decade, what areas have progressed the most?

I think access to statistical information in the Pacific has gone forward with leaps and bounds, especially now that all NSOs have their own websites which were close to non-existent around 12 years ago. From a staffing perspective, I think the efforts put in to developing the skills of NSO staff has been paying off, with obvious signs of less reliance on technical assistance for some activities.

4. A big part of your experience is related to surveys. Which surveys have you been mostly involved in and what aspect of survey work are you most interested in?

The survey I have been mostly involved in has been the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) which the SPC has been working towards standardizing in the Pacific with great success, and I would thus like to explore the possibility of introducing this project work to Asia. Standardizing the approach of tackling surveys such as this can significantly reduce the amount of work involved in developing both the survey forms and data processing systems, whilst ensuring appropriate international standards and concepts are suitably addressed. I have also been involved in the designs for Gender Based Violence (GBV) surveys which are taking place in several countries throughout Asia-Pacific. I feel extremely passionate about the issues addressed in this survey, and take pride in my involvement to ensure the results are as credible as possible, and thus hopefully bring about more awareness on gender-based violence and attitudinal change.

5. What would you like to leave as a final message to NSOs in Asia and the Pacific?

I am here to serve the Asia-Pacific region, so please do not hesitate to request my services. I look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming session of the Committee on Statistics in December, if not beforehand.

Updates

Environment Statistics

Strategic approach for regional cooperation: The ongoing policy debate on the post-2015 development agenda and the development of SDGs has highlighted the need for better statistical indicators that can be used to monitor environment-related goals. ESCAP is developing a draft strategic approach for regional cooperation on environment statistics to help support the development of environment statistics in Asia and the Pacific. Regional implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) will form part of the approach. ESCAP will present the paper to the Committee on Statistics in December for feedback.

9th Meeting of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics (PWGS), Baku, Azerbaijan: The State Statistical Committee of Azerbaijan, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), ESCAP, Eurostat and ECE jointly organized the 9th meeting of the SPECA PWGSs, 25 to 27 June 2014. The meeting addressed the call of the Rio+20 Summit (A/RES/66/288) and post-2015 agenda to provide support to governments in integrating relevant data into national statistics for monitoring sustainable development. Participants discussed prospects and challenges in the implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).



Economic Statistics

The Steering Group for the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics welcomes new representatives: The new members represent the national statistical offices of Cambodia and Papua New Guinea and the ministries of finance and the central banks of Lao PDR and Turkey. The inclusion of central banks and ministries of finance is an important step in ensuring that the perspectives of all main economic statistics providers are reflected in regional decision making.

Advocating for the coordinated implementation of international standards on macroeconomic statistics: The Organizing Committee for the [High-level Meeting for Coordinated Implementation of International Standards for Macroeconomic Statistics](#), which is funded and hosted by the Russian Federation, has been established with the

participation of EFTA, Eurostat, IMF, ROSSTAT, UNSD and the World Bank. The Steering Group of the Regional Programme will be consulted in the substantive preparations for this meeting to take place on 3-4 September. The target audience covers heads of NSOs, high-level officials and heads of statistics departments from central banks and ministries of finance of Central Asian countries.

Developing business registers in Asia and the Pacific: ADB is organizing an Inception [Workshop for the project aiming at the development of Statistical Business Registers](#) (SBRs) from 30 June to 2 July in Colombo, Sri Lanka. ESCAP is cooperating with ADB on SBR development under the joint efforts of the Regional Programme on Economic Statistics. The development of SBRs were also identified as a priority area by the Steering Group, based on the results of the regional Capacity Screening exercise at its third meeting in October 2013.

Supporting the implementation of the 2008 SNA: ESCAP /SIAP, in collaboration with the Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Federal State Statistics Service of the Russian Federation and the International Monetary Fund and with funding from the Russian Federation, is organizing the [Sub-regional Training Workshop on Changes in 2008 SNA Affecting GDP Compilation](#) on 30 June-4 July. National accountants from Central Asian countries, Afghanistan and Mongolia are invited to attend the workshop where a range of topics will be discussed, including owner-occupied dwellings, non-observed economy and volume measures.

Training

E-learning courses on System of National Accounts (2008 SNA): SIAP opened two [e-learning courses on System of National Accounts \(2008 SNA\)](#), one basic-level and another intermediate-level, beginning on 12 May 2014. Participation in these courses, approximately 200 in total, has roughly tripled from the previous courses with support by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). These courses seek to expand foundations of quality economic statistics in the region.

Production and Statistical Analysis of Monitoring Indicators in Support of Inclusive Development Policies”, 19 May - 27 June 2014: SIAP started a newly-designed group training course on [“Production and Statistical Analysis of Monitoring Indicators in Support of Inclusive Development”](#) (PAMID-1) in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on 19 May 2014 in Chiba, Japan.

Statistical Capacity Programme for Timor Leste: In May 2014, ESCAP/SIAP, co-organized the first part of the 2014 Statistical Capacity Building Programme for Timor Leste, with the country's General Directorate of Statistics and BPS-Statistics Indonesia. The first training on Basic Statistics and Basic MS Excel was conducted on 5-23 May 2014, with 30 participants mostly coming from the GDS,

and selected representatives from the Ministries of Finance (Macro), Health, Education, and Agriculture and Fishery. The second training on Basic Data Analysis is scheduled for 28 July - 8 August 2014, in consideration of the upcoming household surveys in Timor Leste in 2014-2015.

Social Statistics

Progress towards the measurement of governance: On 17th June 2014, the Mexican National Statistical Office (INEGI) organised an informal meeting of experts on governance and governance statistics in partnership with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and a INEGI/UNODC Centre of Excellence. The meeting was organised as part of the 2nd International Conference on Governance, Crime and Justice Statistics held in Mexico, 18th-20th June. Participants discussed the development of a road map for advancing the measurement of governance and the City Group being formed by the United Nations Statistical Commission. This will provide an important mechanism for countries in Asia and the Pacific to engage and influence international measurement discussions and debates.



Adrian Franco (INEGI), Mario Palma (INEGI), Gemma Van Halderen (ABS and TAG), Martine Durand (OECD), Marco Mira (OECD) and Enrico Bosogno (UNODC and TAG).

Good data to support policy making and planning for social inclusion: UNESCO organized a workshop in collaboration with Trinity College (Ireland) and University of Melbourne (Australia) on 7 and 8 April 2014 in Bali, Indonesia. The participants agreed that good data must be "fit for the purpose" and meet the information needs of the broad range of stakeholders of policies and programmes of social inclusion. Such data should reflect the views and experiences of vulnerable groups in formulating indicators, designing data collection tools and implementing data collection and analyses. The workshop brought together government representatives and civil society organizations from Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Timor-Leste, as well as researchers and regional and international organizations to discuss five focal issues regarding policies and programmes of social inclusion: practices, data, policies, societal infrastructure and mutual learning. Discussions are underway to explore further collaboration to strengthen measurement and data to support policies of social inclusion.

Gender Statistics

Expert review of a draft Core Set of Gender Indicators: ESCAP initiated an expert review of a draft [Core Set of Gender Indicators for Asia and the Pacific](#). An extension of the Global Minimum Set of Gender Indicators, the Regional Core Set and the underlying statistics are intended to capture the basic needs for statistical information to address issues of high priority in promoting gender equality and empowerment of women in the region. Over the coming months a region-wide consultation on the draft Regional Core Set will be conducted with national statistical offices and national mechanisms for the advancement of women.

Disaster-related Statistics

Establishment of an Expert Group for the development of a basic range of disaster-related statistics for Asia and the Pacific: The [ESCAP 70th Commission session](#) endorsed a resolution establishing an Expert Group to work towards developing a basic range of disaster-related statistics for Asia and the Pacific. It is anticipated that the first meeting of the expert group, comprising statisticians and disaster risk reduction experts, will be held prior to the [4th session of the Committee on Statistics](#) in December 2014.

Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

'Get every one in the picture' - Civil Registration and Vital Statistics:

The partnership for the regional CRVS initiative to 'Get every one in the picture' (www.getinthepicture.org) (ESCAP, UNICEF, UNDP, UNHCR, UNFPA, WHO, ADB and Plan International) is working closely with the Regional Steering Group in preparing for the [Ministerial Conference on CRVS in November](#). A draft Regional Action Framework was distributed for country consultations from April to June and the inputs received will be reflected in the preliminary draft presented to a regional preparatory meeting in August. Invitations to the regional preparatory meeting have been issued. [Several brochures on CRVS are now available.](#)



Third Regional Workshop on Production and Use of Vital Statistics: Applying Tools and Materials Available to Improve Vital Statistics, 26-30 May 2014, Daejeon, Republic of Korea: SIAP, in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and Statistics Korea, conducted the [Third Regional Workshop on Production and Use of Vital Statistics](#) from 26 to 30 May 2014 in Daejeon, Republic of Korea. The workshop contributed to the initiatives at the global and regional levels to accelerate improvement of civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS).



The World Bank and the World Health Organization develop a [Global Civil Registration and Vital Statistics \(CRVS\) Scaling Up Investment Plan \(2015-2024\)](#) with input from several agencies and countries: [The \(CRVS\) Scaling Up Investment Plan](#) covers activities over a 10 year period from 2015 to 2024, with the goal of universal civil registration of births, deaths, marriages, and other vital events, including reporting cause of death, and access to legal proof of registration for all individuals by 2030. The Scaling Up Investment Plan provides a coherent, global effort to ensure all countries have sustainable civil registration and vital statistics systems integrated across government and serving the needs of public and private sectors and all citizens of a country.

Modernization of Statistical Production and Services

Management of Statistical Information Systems: ESCAP, together with UNECE, OECD, Eurostat and ADB, organized the expert group meeting on [Management of Statistical Information Systems \(MSIS 2014\)](#) during 14-16 April simultaneously in Dublin and Manila. Thirty-three experts from eighteen countries and five international organizations attended MSIS 2014 in Manila. The discussions resulted in a number of conclusions and recommendations pertaining to future collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region on the modernization of statistical production and services, including the use of big data for official statistics.

SDMX Capacity Building Initiative: [A meeting with the National Statistical Office of Thailand, the Bank of Thailand and the National Economic and Social Development Board](#) was organized during 28-30 April to discuss the implementation of the SDMX Capacity building initiative including expectations, needs and priorities.

International Development Goals

Reflecting and looking forward in South-East Asia: Why has accelerated progress been achieved for some of the MDG targets but not others? How can statistics be strengthened to enable a successful implementation of a post-2015 sustainable development agenda? These are some of the questions that participants of a workshop held on 24-26 June 2014 in Vientiane, Lao PDR discussed. The workshop brought together representatives from South-East Asian countries to discuss conclusions of the [Asia-Pacific Regional MDGs Report 2012/13 entitled "Asia-Pacific Aspirations: Perspectives for a post-2015 development agenda."](#) The organizers, ESCAP, the Asian Development Bank and the United Nations Development Programme took the opportunity to solicit inputs for the last edition of the regional MDGs report scheduled for publication in 2015. The focus will be on financing, access to technology and trade facilitation, as well as data and information.

Cross-cutting Issues

New EU-ASEAN project to strengthen ASEAN statistics and integration: A new EUR 7.5 million project - named COMPASS -will be implemented over the next four years. It focuses on statistics and integration monitoring. COMPASS will assist with the production of timely trade and investment statistics, and strengthen the capacity of the ASEAN Community Statistical System. Support to MDG statistics is also included. The project features substantial support at the national level to reduce capacity gaps among ASEAN members and enable them to fully participate in the regional integration. COMPASS will also provide long-term support to the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO) to enhance the monitoring mechanism of ASEAN integration, also called the scorecard system.

ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Strategic Plan: The ASEAN Secretariat hosted a meeting of ASEAN member States to initiate discussions on the development of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Strategic Plan, 2016-2020.

Member States used this opportunity to present how they addressed statistical planning issues in their own countries, whilst development partners presented some of their work initiatives, which should impact on developing regional strategic plans such as this. It is anticipated the upcoming plan will place more focus on population-social statistics.

Did you know?

- 9 out of 10 people in Asia and the Pacific live in countries with unreliable death statistics
- Understanding why and where people are dying helps fight disease and infant and maternal mortality

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Calendar of forthcoming statistical meetings in Asia and the Pacific

Dates	Organizer	Meeting	Venue
30 June - 4 July	ESCAP/SIAP	Sub-regional Training Workshop on Changes in 2008 SNA affecting GDP Compilation	Astana, Kazakhstan
15 - 17 July	UNICEF, ESCAP, UNHCR, Plan International, WHO	Asia-Pacific Civil Registrars Meeting	Pattaya, Thailand
16 July	ABS, ESCAP	2nd Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Body for the Modernization of Statistical Production and Services in Asia and the Pacific (SAB-AP)	Bangkok, Thailand
17 - 18 July	PARIS21, ESCAP	Informing a Data Revolution - Regional workshop	Bangkok, Thailand
28 July - 1 August	SIAP	Sub-regional Technical Workshop on Work Statistics (19 th ICLS Resolution) and Labour Migration Statistics for the Pacific Islands Countries (PICs): http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Nadi, Fiji
4 August - 3 October	SIAP	Sixth e-Learning Course on Introduction to 2008 System of National Accounts: http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Chiba, Japan
6 -8 August	National Statistical Office, Mongolia, ABS, UNIDO	Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Ulaanbaatar Group	Vienna, Austria
4 August - 3 October	SIAP	Fourth Intermediate-level e-Learning Course on 2008 System of National: http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Chiba, Japan
12 - 13 August	IKMAS, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	Roundtable discussion on "Inclusive policy approaches and data gaps, challenges and opportunities: Selected case studies in ASEAN"	Bangi, Malaysia
18 August - 19 December	SIAP	Second Group Training Course in Improving Capability in Producing Official Statistics Relating to MDGs Indicators http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Chiba, Japan
26 August	ESCAP, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, WHO, ADB, Plan International	Meeting of Regional CRVS Partnership	Bangkok, Thailand
27 August	Plan International, ESCAP, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, WHO, ADB	CRVS Civil Society Forum	Bangkok, Thailand
28 - 29 August	ESCAP	Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Meeting on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
August	ESCAP	Workshop on time-use data analysis for project countries	TBC
2-4 September	SIAP	Sixth Workshop on Forging Partnerships in Statistical Training in Asia and the Pacific: http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Chiba, Japan
3 - 4 September	ESCAP	High-level Meeting for Coordinated Implementation of International Standards for Macroeconomic Statistics in North and Central Asia	Vladivostok, Russian Federation
5 September	SIAP	Expert Group Meeting on Skills Framework and Training Needs Assessment Tools: http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Chiba, Japan
23 - 25 September	IDB, ADB, AfDB, the Ministry of Public Administration and Security, Korea	International Identity Management Conference	Seoul, Republic of Korea
6 - 7 October	SIAP	Twelfth Management Seminar for the Heads of NSOs http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Hanoi, Viet Nam
14 - 16 October	UNSD	UN Global Working Group on Big Data	China

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27 - 30 October	OECD, Statistics Korea	Meeting of the Expert Group on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange	Seoul, Republic of Korea
13 - 17 October	SIAP	Regional Training Course on Advanced Techniques on Sample Surveys for the Agriculture Sector: http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Hanoi, Viet Nam
20 - 24 October	SIAP	Sixth Advanced SNA Series http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Daejeon, Republic of Korea
6 - 7 November	ESCAP, ECE, ESCWA, UNSD	Inter-regional workshop on good practices in gender statistics	Aguascalientes, Mexico
24 - 28 November	ESCAP, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, WHO, ADB, Plan International	Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
29 November - 3 December	SIAP	Regional Training Course on Agricultural Statistics Methods to cover the Census of Agriculture and Sampling http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Tehran, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
14 - 18 December	SIAP	Regional Training on Development and implementation of register systems: http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Tehran, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
15 - 16 December	ESCAP/SIAP	10th session of SIAP Governing Council http://www.unsiap.or.jp	Bangkok, Thailand
17 - 19 December	ESCAP	Committee on Statistics, Fourth session	Bangkok, Thailand